

**AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF APPRAISER OF AN APPRAISAL
DISTRICT TO REQUIRE A PERSON TO FILE A NEW
APPLICATION TO CONFIRM THE PERSON'S CURRENT
QUALIFICATION FOR THE EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM
TAXATION OF THE TOTAL APPRAISED VALUE OF THE
RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD OF A 100 PERCENT DISABLED
VETERAN**

CHAPTER 130

H.B. No. 1101

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the chief appraiser of an appraisal district to require a person to file a new application to confirm the person's current qualification for the exemption from ad valorem taxation of the total appraised value of the residence homestead of a 100 percent disabled veteran.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 11.43, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (r) to read as follows:

(c) An exemption provided by Section 11.13, 11.131, 11.132, 11.133, 11.17, 11.18, 11.182, 11.1827, 11.183, 11.19, 11.20, 11.21, 11.22, 11.23(a), (h), (j), (j-1), or (m), 11.231, 11.254, 11.27, 11.271, 11.29, 11.30, 11.31, or 11.315, once allowed, need not be claimed in subsequent years, and except as otherwise provided by Subsection (e), the exemption applies to the property until it changes ownership or the person's qualification for the exemption changes. However, *except as provided by Subsection (r)*, the chief appraiser may require a person allowed one of the exemptions in a prior year to file a new application to confirm the person's current qualification for the exemption by delivering a written notice that a new application is required, accompanied by an appropriate application form, to the person previously allowed the exemption. If the person previously allowed the exemption is 65 years of age or older, the chief appraiser may not cancel the exemption due to the person's failure to file the new application unless the chief appraiser complies with the requirements of Subsection (q), if applicable.

(r) *The chief appraiser may not require a person allowed an exemption under Section 11.131 to file a new application to determine the person's current qualification for the exemption if the person has a permanent total disability determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs under 38 C.F.R. Section 4.15.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2018.

Passed by the House on April 28, 2017: Yeas 131, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2017: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved May 26, 2017.

Effective January 1, 2018.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE TEXAS RACING COMMISSION

CHAPTER 131

H.B. No. 1106

AN ACT

relating to the membership of the Texas Racing Commission.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 2.02(a), Texas Racing Act (Article 179e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission consists of seven members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate and two ex officio members who shall have the right to vote. The ex officio members are:

(1) the chairman of the Public Safety Commission or a member of the Public Safety Commission designated by the chairman of the Public Safety Commission; and

(2) the *commissioner of agriculture or the commissioner's* ~~comptroller of public accounts or the comptroller's~~ designee.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 27, 2017: Yeas 143, Nays 1, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 18, 2017: Yeas 24, Nays 6.

Approved May 26, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

REPEAL OF CERTAIN STATE PROCUREMENT ADVISORY AND APPROVAL PROCEDURES

CHAPTER 132

H.B. No. 1116

AN ACT

relating to the repeal of certain state procurement advisory and approval procedures.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Sections 2155.086 and 2155.087, Government Code, are repealed.

SECTION 2. On the effective date of this Act, the Statewide Procurement Advisory Council is abolished.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 18, 2017: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 16, 2017: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved May 26, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

DATE AND TIME FOR THE PUBLIC SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

CHAPTER 133

H.B. No. 1128

AN ACT

relating to the date and time for the public sale of real property.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 34.041, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 34.041. SALE AT PLACE OTHER THAN COURTHOUSE DOOR; *DATE AND TIME OF SALE.*

SECTION 2. Section 34.041, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A sale of real property under this subchapter must take place between 10 a.m. and 4